

**JOINT MEETING
ALGONAC CITY COUNCIL AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive
Algonac, MI 48001
AS APPROVED 1/22/13**

A special meeting of the Algonac City Council and Downtown Development Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 by Mayor Irene Bird. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, MI 48001.

Roll Call:

City Council:

Present: Amy Amiels
Irene Bird, Mayor
Ray Martin
Helen Meldrum
Joe Nugent
Mark Thompson
Gary Tuzinowski, Mayor Pro-tem

DDA Members:

Present: Art Bryson
Brian Bayly
Charles Bayly
Michael Bembas
James Harris
Michael Musto
Dianne Strevel

Absent: Dr. Robert Bates
Mike Mentz
Pamela Rappa

Others: City Manager Alexander, City Treasurer Mackie,
City Clerk Greenia, Ada Smith

EXCUSE DDA MEMBERS

CO & DDAO # 01-01-13 Excuse Absent Members

Motion by Charles Bayly, supported by Thompson to excuse DDA Members Rappa and Mentz from the meeting due to illness. Motion unanimously carried.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Mayor Bird asked for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Bird led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None at this time.

PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER ON 2013-14 DDA BUDGET CHALLENGES

City Manager Alexander reviewed the memo he had presented to City Council and DDA Members in their packet. This memo was regarding the status of the DDA budget and lack of revenue due to the decrease in taxable values in the DDA District for the coming year. The City Manager is recommending that the DDA cease operations in June 30, 2014 and that a budget be developed for the coming year that drains down fund balance to support DDA/Council priorities.

DDA Member Bryson stated he would like to see the DDA go into “hibernation” instead of dissolve.

City Manager Alexander explained that he had been in contact with City Attorney Downey and City Auditor McBride to see if it would be allowable for the DDA to basically draw down the remaining funds in their account. If the DDA has no other non-mandatory expenditures for the next few months there should be about \$35,000 left at year end of 6/30/13.

Discussion was had on what types of priorities they might like to use the fund balance on. Some ideas for the funding were:

- a) Engineering study on boardwalk
- b) Engineering study on seawall
- c) Repair the gazebo
- d) Possibly extend a “façade grant” to Clate’s Auto
- e) Continuing Christmas decorations contract with Kenmark

City Manager Alexander stated he would get costs associated with these items when preparing a recommended budget for FY 13/14.

All members present were in agreement that City Manager Alexander should prepare a proposed FY 2013/2014 budget for remaining DDA Funds, with an

allowance for tax appeal refunds, obtaining costs for the items referenced in the discussion this evening.

DISCUSSION REGARDING DDA INTEREST IN POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO RIVERFRONT PARK

During the course of budget discussion, DDA Member Harris suggested that the DDA could spend some of their money on items (like picnic tables and play scapes) to be placed in Riverfront Park to draw families down to that area. City Council Member Meldrum stated that she did not think families with small children would want to necessarily want to use the park so close to the water. No other support emerged for equipment additions to the park.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Mayor Bird asked for items for next agenda. Another joint meeting of the City Council and DDA would be scheduled for some time in March of 2013 to discuss the findings of the City Manager and review the budget he will be preparing for the DDA.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Nugent thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

Mayor Irene Bird also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their ideas and input into this matter.

Council Member Ray Martin thanked the volunteers for their time and effort.

DDA MEMBER COMMENTS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

CO & DDAO # 01-02-13 Adjourn the Meeting

Motion by Meldrum, supported by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Signed:

Respectfully Submitted:

Irene Bird, Mayor

Cindi Greenia, City Clerk